MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(F)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	November 20, 2008
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution approving the naming of Rock Pit No. 77 as "Charles Burr Park"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

✓ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF ROCK PIT NO. 77 LOCATED AT 20150 S.W. 127TH AVENUE AS "CHARLES BURR PARK"

WHEREAS, Charles Raymond Burr was born on June 6th 1922 at the place known today as Burr's Strawberry Farm, where his parents settled and opened a farming business after coming to Florida from Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the historic home of his birth, built in 1920 at Burr's Strawberry Farm, remains largely unchanged to this day; and

WHEREAS, Burr was the recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star from service in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Burr will forever be known in this area as the Strawberry King due to his passion for producing some of the best strawberries in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, he planted his first crop of berries in 1960, and any day you could bump into Charlie, as he was called by the locals, proudly delivering strawberries to local grocery stores himself; and

WHEREAS, in order to sharpen his agricultural skills, Burr took classes at a local Redland School that held agricultural courses from the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Burr family founded the Charlie Burr Agricultural Scholarship Fund through the Redland Citizens Association, which supports graduate students interested in agricultural sciences and practices in south Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Burr was instrumental in developing methods of irrigation like the drip tube irrigation system to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, one of Burr's favorite snacks was ice cream, and as he looked for ways to diversify his berry business, he started selling milkshakes and strawberry ice cream at the Burr farm; and

WHEREAS, the idea was a hit with locals and tourists who lined up in front of the berry stand to taste freshly made fruit blends; and

WHEREAS, the fruit stand still dispenses thousands of quarts of this specialty today under the direction of his grandson Jeff Miller; and

WHEREAS, through the years and after Burr passed away in 2001, expanding residential and commercial areas have surrounded the Burr farm, but the Burr farm remains as a reminder of the pioneering agricultural history of south Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed naming of "Charles Burr Park" is located in County Commission District 8,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves the naming of Rock Pit No. 77 located at 20150 S.W. 127th Avenue as "Charles Burr Park", having considered the item at a public hearing.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Park and Recreation Department, General Services Administration, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works Department and Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Katy Sorenson. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of November, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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